

## SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5 line 24, that bridges pages 5 and 6, with the following paragraph: --

In Fig. 2, a specific embodiment of a filter grid is shown. The filter grid is composed of grid elements 12. Each form that fits in the filter vessel can be used. In this example the form is hexagonal, comprising 18 grid elements 12. According to the conformation of this example a total of 52 intersection points 13 are obtained, 4 of which are used as anchoring points 14 for fixing the grid to for example the master tube sheet 18 via supports 8 or directly in the filter vessel. In this example all other points of intersection 13 are provided with a filter support 10, which in this example has the form of a pin-like extension. Of course, at one or more of the points of intersection 13 the filter support ~~[[13]]~~ can be deleted. It is preferred that more than 90% of the points of intersection 13 of grid elements 12 are accommodated with a filter support 10. --

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6 line 6 with the following paragraph:

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In this embodiment openings of the form of a parallelogram are obtained with four points of intersection 13 as the corner points. A space around the point of intersection of the size of the cross-section of a filter element ~~[[()]]7[[()]]~~ will be occupied by said filter element 7 when it is placed onto or in the filter support 10. The ratio of the total area of the horizontal cross-section at the maximum thickness of the grid elements 12 (which is shown in the top view of Fig. 2): the total area of open parts 15 of the filter grid 11 is less than 1:1.5, preferably 1:(1.5-15), and more preferably 1:(3.5-5). This ratio is of importance to prevent the open parts 15 from clogging. The size of the open parts is usually at least 7 times, preferably 9 to 12 times, larger than the size of the particles or the clumps of particles that must pass these open parts 15. The pin-shaped element forming filter support 10 or the recess of the filter element 7 in which the pin-shaped element that forms filter support 10 fits, may be provided with an elastic cap as described in WO 87/07180. --